GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1897
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2004
CONDITION OF NH - 17
Chandrappan Shri C.K.

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the sector between Thalappady and Edappally of NH-17 continues to remain below standard, vis-a-vis general standard of National Highway, with insufficient width, and damaged and old bridges;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has noticed a steady increase in traffic on this NH in the recent period;

(d) if so, whether the Government would consider four laning this highway and then make it 6 or 8 lane, as this NH connects Bombay with Cochin; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Thalappady - Edappally section of NH-17 has 421 km. length in Kerala, out of which 47 km is less than two lane. Besides, this section of NH-17 has 10 narrow, old and weak bridges.

(b) : Improvements of NH-17 have been taken up in a phased manner.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e) : The above stretch of NH-17 could be considered for widening to four lanes, subject to ascertaining feasibility of its implementation through private sector participation and inter-se priority of works.